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Mysuru-Chennai BULLET TRAIN to be a reality by 2030

- **Germany submits final feasibility report to Indian Railways**
- **Travel time between two cities to take just 2 hours 25 minutes**

Mysuru/ Bengaluru, Nov.23 (OSR)- After a long delay, Germany has submitted its final feasibility report for the 435-km high-speed rail (bullet train) corridor between Mysuru-Bengaluru-Chennai to Indian Railways.

Once the project is implemented, the bullet train from Mysuru to Chennai via Bengaluru will take just two hours and 25 minutes as against the current seven hours in Shatabdi Express which is the fastest train on this route.

On a normal train journey, it takes over 10 hours to travel between the two cities. Shatabdi travels at a maximum speed of 110 kms per hour.

A German-built Bullet Train [Picture for representation only].

The final feasibility report was handed over by German Ambassador to India Martin Ney to Railway Board Chairman Ashwani Lohani at Railway Ministry in New Delhi last evening. Earlier, Japan had evinced keen interest on the project and had submitted a report in that regard. However, later Germany was asked to take up the feasibility study project.

The bullet train will run at a maximum speed of 320 kilometres per hour and the actual distance from Mysuru to Chennai is over 485 kilometres while the bullet train corridor will be 435 kilometres. Going by the train speed, it can cover the 145-km distance from Mysuru to Bengaluru in just 45 minutes.

Speaking about the report, the German Ambassador said that the key result of the feasibility study is that the high-speed train on the route is not only feasible but also manageable. He said that the report was completed in 18 months and is fully funded by the German Government.

The Germans have proposed that high-speed Railway should be integrated with the existing rail lines to reduce land acquisition issues. The final proposal by Germany aims to implement the project by 2030 at a cost of Rs.1 lakh crore (16 billion dollars). According to the proposal, 85 percent of the line is proposed to be elevated and 11 percent through tunnels. The rest five percent will be 'on grade.'

(See TRAIN on page 8)

Two-day National Technical Seminar BuildTech - 2018 begins

BAI must team up with Government to build affordable houses: GTD

District Minister G.T. Devegowda addressing the two-day National Technical Seminar BuildTech - 2018 at Senate Bhavan in city this morning as others look on.

Mysuru, Nov.23 (MTY&SR)- Mysuru District Minister G.T. Devegowda (GTD) called upon members of Builders Association of India (BAI) to join hands with State Government to build affordable houses for poor, both in rural and urban areas.

Speaking after inaugurating a two-day National Technical Seminar BuildTech-2018, organised by BAI, Mysuru Centre, at Senate Bhavan in Manasagangothri Campus this morning, he said that both, the Centre and the State, have been sanctioning houses for poor under various schemes to meet the growing housing needs.

"Despite this, poor people cannot get houses for many reasons. Though the Governments come up with schemes and make arrangements to release money through bank accounts of beneficiaries of housing schemes, many still find it difficult to construct houses," he said.

The Minister said that he would create a platform for BAI at Government-level to construct houses for the poor. BAI should deliberate and come up with solutions to solve the housing demand, he said.

"Though some private Co-operative Societies and builders had contributed to meet housing demands to some extent, many of their layouts violate building and area norms. This has posed a serious challenge to the Government," the Minister said.

(See BAI on page 8)

Fleecing at Town Hall Parking Facility

MCC cancels parking tender contract

Car parking back at Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple premises

Mysuru, Nov.23 (MTY&BCT)- The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has cancelled the parking tender contract of Town Hall multi-level pay-and-park facility. Even the parking of vehicles there has been stopped following complaints of fleecing of motorists by the contractor to recover his tender costs.

It may be recalled here that on Nov. 21, *Star of Mysore* had published a report *"Parking Fleece at Town Hall"* where the report had mentioned that Rs. 30 was being charged for four-wheeler parking per hour while the MCC had promised a nominal amount of Rs. 20 for the whole day parking.

Taking the issue seriously, the MCC cancelled the contract yesterday and has temporarily blocked parking of vehicles there. Instead, vehicles are now being allowed to park near the Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple premises as it was done earlier.

Speaking to *SOM* this morning, MCC Commissioner K.H. Jagadeesha said that the parking contractor had violated the tender norms by collecting Rs. 30.

(See PARKING on page 8)

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya

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Enduring employment

The *Right to Information (RTI)*, under an Act of the Parliament of India, enacted on June 15, 2005, and assented on June 22 of the same year, for setting out the practical regime of the *right* for citizens, replacing the erstwhile *Freedom of Information Act 2002*, commenced on October 12, 2005, mandating timely response to citizen requests for government information, ostensibly to promote transparency and accountability in government establishments in the country. While the number of citizens *trying* to keep the *babudom* on their toes, invoking RTI and hoping to fix the tardy *babus* and the *lagaamless* elected representatives of the people in the government is a minuscule fraction of the country's population of literati, a more important right that compels attention of both stockholders (the government) and stakeholders (adult citizens in the economically productive age range) is the *Right to Employment*, that may not figure among the many rights included in the country's Constitution, both when it was scripted and adopted on Jan. 26, 1950 and supplemented subsequently. Nothing chokes a government more than its responsibility to ensure fulfilment of this RTE (Right To Employment) to every citizen eligible for employment in jobs with regular income in amounts to meet at least the basic needs of life.

The voice in the air demanding jobs exclusively for local *workforce*, expressed as *sons of the soil*, is not confined to any particular State, including Karnataka. The incumbent President of the United States of America has been pursuing the cause of citizens of the country in the matter of providing employment as his life's mission, resulting in tighter visa regulations.

While the International Labour Organisation (ILO) in its first Asia-Pacific Employment and social outlook released last week has disclosed that unemployment rate is expected to be stable at 4.1 percent, *vulnerable* employment, including self-employed or those who are unpaid family workers, together currently estimated at 48.6 percent of the people employed, is expected to increase. India, according to ILO sources, is among the worst performing countries in the region, where 82.2 percent of the employment in India is classified as vulnerable. Stated simply, employment should preferably yield an assured *salary* at the end of a fixed period such as a month. Compared to figures of salaried employees as *percent* of total number employed in Japan (87), South Korea (71), Australia (82) and New Zealand (84), in India it is pathetically less than 17 percent, according to studies by expert global agencies.

The task of fulfilling the right to employment for everyone of the million Indians who reach employable age *each month* is daunting beyond the capability of the top brass in any government. The challenge will out-endure the unemployment scene of the land as time passes.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

A couple of weeks ago, while doing the annual pre-Diwali cleaning — me, the books; wife, everything else — I came across an old paperback by Kingsley Amis. I remembered having bought it from the pavement bookseller outside the old Coffee House in Connaught Place in the early 1970s for Rs. 2. It was called* Ending Up *and was about a lot of old English people who, to cut costs, live together in a large cottage. The only reason I bought it even though I was in my early 20s was that it was by Amis. Of course, I enjoyed the idiosyncratic characters thoroughly, especially the old Brigadier who, wrote Amis, "farted in a military manner." I have wondered ever since what that manner might be. — *TCA Srinivasa-Raghavan in Business Standard.*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Hospitalised after eating only instant noodles

Bejing: A student, in order to save money for Singles Day ate only instant noodles for straight three weeks and ended spending all her savings on medical bills after her unusual diet made her sick.

Hong Jia first made headlines in China in early November, when it was revealed that she had been eating only instant noodles since Oct. 15, in order to save a bit of money for Singles Day, the largest online and offline shopping day in the world. Jia said that she had managed to save 749 yuan ($108) by switching to the ultra cheap diet, money that she planned to spend on the Nov. 11 shopping extravaganza.

Sadly, Hong Jia never got to buy all the discounted items she had her eyes on, as she spent Singles Day in the hospital.

Rare white lion to be auctioned to hunters

Cape Town: The South African Government is under severe criticism after it was reported that it plans to auction off a confiscated white lion to raise funds for the country's nation conservation department. Animal activists claim that the buyers will likely be wealthy hunters looking for easy trophies or businessmen involved in the lion bone trade.

Mufasa the white lion was confiscated from a private owner and is placed in the care of WildForLife, an animal rehabilitation charity in northern South Africa. Despite numerous requests to relocated him to a wildlife sanctuary free of charge, government officials refused. A few months ago WildForLife was notified that the rare white lion was going to be auctioned off to private buyers in order to raise funds for the nature conservation department. The charity has been involved in a legal battle to save Mufasa ever since.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Can the brain grow new cells?

Only recently has it been known that the adult human brain grows new cells, a process called neurogenesis. Prior to 1998, it was thought that the brain stops growing new cells after about age 18. Now we know that we grow new brain cells for the duration of our lives.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Kalasuruchi to host Children's English Play Festival from tomorrow

Vishwanath Mirle

Mysuru, Nov.23- Kalasuruchi has organised Vishwanath Mirle Memorial Children's English Play Festival-2018 at Suruchi Rangamane, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, from Nov.24 to 26.

Dr. Krishnamurthy Chandar, retd. Professor, University of Mysore (UoM), will inaugurate the Fest at 5.30 pm tomorrow (Nov.24). At 6 pm, the play 'Astrologers Day' will be presented by Acharya Vidya Kula students; **6.45 pm:** Play 'Into the Woods' by Orchids School.

Nov.25 - 6 pm: Play 'Dream Seller' by Sadvidya High School; **6.45 pm:** 'Builders Nation' by Kaliyuva Mane students.

Nov.26 - 6 pm: Play 'Dear Departed' by Excel Public School; **6.45 pm:** 'Julius Caesar' by Supreme Public School; **7.45 pm:** Valedictory address by Ratna V. Mirle. **Co-ordinators:** Sreemathi Hariprasad, K.N. Krishna Prasad with Ramesh Babu, P. Nagabhushana, K. Nagaraja, M.S. Dongre and Sumana Dongre; **Support:** Vijaya Sindhuvalli and Team Kalasuruchi; **Sponsor:** Ratna V. Mirle.

Subsidy for purchase of power loom

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (SR) - Department of Handlooms and Textiles has been distributing 50 percent subsidy for general category candidates and 90 percent subsidy will be given for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes to set up power loom electronic jacquard machine unit. The Department is offering subsidy to promote power loom sector.

Candidates who have obtained loan for installation of this machine can avail the benefit after submitting all the relevant documents to the Department. Subsidy will be released after inspecting the installation of the machine and all the records of their unit. Interested can avail information at the Office of Deputy Director, Department of Handlooms and Textiles, Zilla Panchayat or call Ph: 0821-2441353.

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VOICE OF THE READER

Increase frequency of 'Flybus' between B'luru-Mysuru

Sir,

Mysureans, who fly frequently to various destinations, mostly abroad, are very happy about the 'Flybus' service from Bangalore Airport to Mysuru City. Right now this bus serves mostly international passengers.

Since there is no domestic flying service except for one from Mysuru, people have to use Bangalore Airport for all domestic flying.

There are a number of passengers who arrive at Bangalore Airport from different destinations such as Hubballi, Belagaavi, Hyderabad etc., and will want to get back to Mysuru. They have to depend on taxis with exorbitant fares.

It will be highly appreciated if the frequency of Flybus from the Bangalore Airport to Mysuru Bus Stand is increased for every 1.5 hours. The KSRTC authorities can think over this request and take a positive step. They can handover this service even to private contract buses with a permit (such service was available in Mumbai-Pune, until Poona got its own Airport).

—Mythili Majali

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Education Conference at Colombo

Mysuru, Nov.23- City-based Professor Dr. S. Selvakumar will be presenting a Research Paper titled 'Pre-School Education Segment Towards 21st Century' at World Conference of Education (WCEDU) to be held at Colombo, Sri Lanka on Nov.28 and 29.

The event is jointly organised by Institute of Academic Research, Sri Lanka in collaboration with KOHL KEAN, Thailand University and Sri Lankan Airways. The Meet aims to address and discuss education challenges, quality and efficiency of educational institutions, among the educationists, researchers, administrators and policy-makers.

Job Fair on Nov.30

Mysuru, Nov. 23- District Employment Exchange Office, Government Industrial Training Institute, has organised a job fair on Nov.30 at 10 am at its premises in N.R. Mohalla. Many reputed companies are taking part in this Mela.

Candidates with educational qualifications ranging from SSLC (Pass/Fail) to degree (PUC, JoC, ITI, Diploma, etc.) may take part. Interested are requested to carry their Bio-Data along with them to the Mela.

For details, contact the District Employment Exchange Assistant Director D.M. Rani on Ph: 0821-2489972, according to a press release.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption

Owing to emergency works taken up by CESC, there will be no supply of power tomorrow (Nov. 24) between 11 am and 4 pm at the following places: Chikkahalli, Choranahalli, Nadanahalli, Vasanthnagar, Prakruthi Layout, Bhugathagalli Gate and surrounding places, according to a press release from N.R. Mohalla Division CESC Executive Engineer.

Story-telling

Kalasuruchi has organised story-telling for children by Dr. Puttaraja, Associate Professor, Maharani's Arts College, Mysuru, tomorrow (Nov.24) from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm at Suruchi Rangamane, # 476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2541795 or Mob: 92435-81097.

Shivanubhava Dasoha lecture

Bengaluru's Basaveshwara College Retired Principal Dr. C. Shivakumaraswamy will deliver a talk on 'Social Values Propagated by Sharanas' as part of Shivanubhava Dasoha lecture series at No. 807, JSS Layout 2nd Stage, Mysuru at 6 pm tomorrow (Nov.24). Mysuru District Sharana Sahitya Parishat President M. Chandrashekar will preside. For details, call Ph: 0821-2548211 or 2548212.

Nandi Mahabhisheka

The City's Bettada Balaga Charitable Trust will be performing Mahabhisheka to Nandi Statue atop Chamundi Hill at 9.30am on Nov.25 (Sunday). Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and a host of other Seers will grace the occasion. For details, call Mob: 98458-08082 or 94484-03326.

Suttur Jatra: Kite festival

As part of the week-long Suttur Jatra (Feb.1 to 6, 2019) a kite festival will be held at Suttur in Nanjangud taluk on Feb.3 (Sunday). The contest will be held under four different categories — Primary School Children, High School Children, College students and members of the public. For details, call Ph: 0821-2548212 / 122, or Mob: 88849-32916.

Vignana Vihar

Kautilya Vidyalaya will be hosting 'Vijnana Vihar,' a District-level Science Fair for students of classes 8 to 10, at the Vidyalaya premises in Kanakadasanagar Nagar (Dattagalli 3rd Stage) on Dec.1. The theme of the fair is – Science, Technology and Innovation for Clean, Green and Healthy nation. The event features a working model competition for students and capacity building programme for teachers among other programmes. For details, call Mob: 99457-91170.

Two jumbos on tiger hunt run helter-skelter

H.D. Kote, Nov. 23- Two tamed elephants — Drona and Ashoka — which took part in a tiger combing operation ran helter-skelter after pushing the mahouts down. The incident created panic at Antharasanthe Forest Range in H.D. Kote taluk yesterday. Drona is a Dasara elephant.

Following complaints from the villagers bordering the forest area and a series of tiger sightings, a team of Forest Department officials launched a tiger tracing operation near Penajalli and surrounding forest areas. This tiger had killed many domestic animals in the surroundings and had become a head ache for villagers.

During the combing operation, villagers started to shout and burst crackers. Disturbed by loud noise and nervous due to the large presence of people, both Drona and Ashoka ran amok and pushed mahouts Gunda and Nanjunda from their backs.

Both the elephants ran away, leaving the officials embarrassed. The tiger combing operation was called off. Later the jumbos were spotted near Hirehalli Forest that is at a distance of 15 kilometres from Penajalli village. The mahouts sustained minor injuries due to the unexpected fall and were treated with first aid.

According to officials, there was no need for anxiety as the elephants were following the instructions of mahouts. The search operation continued on Friday too, said Forest Department officials.

Alanahalli Police nab two chain-snatchers

Eight gold chains worth about Rs. 10.6 lakh recovered, two scooters seized

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (RK&KS)- Alanahalli Police have arrested two chain-snatchers and have recovered eight gold chains weighing about 332 grams, worth about Rs. 10.6 lakh besides seizing two scooters used for the crimes.

The arrested are 21-year-old Mohammed Sadhu of N.R. Mohalla and 24-year-old Mohammed Muiez of Udayagiri 'C' Block in city.

The accused were nabbed during an operation by Alanahalli Police on Nov. 18 near Shukrodaya Circle Park in Alanahalli Police limits.

During interrogation, the Police came to know that the accused on Nov. 13 evening had snatched a gold chain weighing about 59 grams of S. Manjula near Alanahalli water tank besides targeting lonely women walking in deserted places at Jayalakshmipuram, Hebbal, Nazarbad and V.V. Puram Police limits and snatching their gold chains using Suzuki Access or Honda Activa scooters.

Following their arrest, the Police have solved three cases in Alanahalli Police limits, one case each in Jayalakshmipuram, Nazarbad and V.V. Puram Police limits and two cases in Hebbal Police limits.

DCP Dr. Vikram V. Amathe and Devaraja Sub-Division ACP Gajendra Prasad supervised Alanahalli Inspector K.M. Manju and staff Shivaprasad, Chowdappa, Mallikarjunaswamy, Satish, Umesh, Ranganath, Mahesh and Bhaskar in the nabbing, recovery and seizing operation.

Miscreants enter shop through exhaust fan vent, rob cash

Mysuru, Nov.23 (YDS)-Miscreants have gained entry to a shop through exhaust fan vent and robbed Rs.62,000 cash on Devaraja Urs Road. The robbery has occurred in Engineering Tools and Equipment shop.

One Nooruddin had locked the shop on Tuesday night and left for home. The next day when the shop was opened, things were lying scattered. Then he found that the miscreants had gained entry to the shop from the exhaust fan vent and stolen Rs.62,000 cash. The dog squad and finger print experts combed the place. A complaint has been filed in this regard in Devaraja Police Station.

Accident victim succumbs to injuries

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (YDS&KS)- An unidentified woman, who had sustained serious injuries in a road accident on Wednesday morning and admitted to K.R. Hospital, passed away at the hospital later on the same day.

The unidentified woman was knocked down by a speeding lorry while she was crossing the road opposite to Gujarati Tiles near Vijayanagar Bus Depot on Wednesday morning.

Though she was rushed to K.R. Hospital by the public, the woman succumbed to injuries at the hospital.

A case has been registered at V.V. Puram Police Traffic Police Station in this regard.

Trio trying to sell pangolin arrested

Mysuru, Nov.23 (YDS)-Three persons who were trying to sell the most poached animal in the world, pangolin, were arrested by the Forest Mobile Squad yesterday. The arrested are Malavalli residents Ravikumar and Rajanna and Challakere resident Yellappa Reddy. Forest Mobile Squad DCF Poovaiah and staff, who have also recovered a bike, produced the trio before the JMFC court. Till now the Squad has saved five pangolins.

Obituary

Sannamma

Mysuru, Nov. 23- Sannamma (84), a resident of Kuvempunagar, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind one son, three daughters and a host of relatives.

Last rites were performed at Kannegowdanakoppal Burial Grounds here this morning, according to family sources.

Sunandamma

Sunandamma (60), Founder-Trustee of National Education and Social Trust (NEST), Mysuru and a resident of Kanaganamaradi in Pandavapura taluk, passed away at her residence last evening.

She leaves behind her husband Patel Shankaregowda, one daughter, two sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Kanaganamaradi this afternoon.

11,759 admissions in spite of paucity of time very good: KSOU VC

Online admissions to KSOU from January next

Mysuru, Nov.23(NNN&MTY)- "The Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) has done remarkably well in the short span of time that was available to admit nearly 11,759 students for 31 courses for the academic year 2018-19," said KSOU Vice Chancellor Dr.B. Shivalingaiah.

Addressing a press conference at KSOU premises yesterday, he said that the University considering the paucity of time and having to follow strict UGC (University Grants Commission) guidelines, the admission for 17 in-house non-technical courses was a big achievement and later getting recognition for another 14 courses also added to the strength of the University.

The admissions in KSOU occur twice a year, one in January and another in July. However, due to the problems faced, the admission in July this year had to be postponed as UGC recognition was awaited and since it was granted only in October, there was hardly any time for admissions as the last date was Oct. 20. In spite of this, 11,759 students were admitted to various programmes, he said.

Less than 20 students have been admitted to MA (Urdu), M.Sc (Bio-Technology), M.Sc (Bio-Chemistry), M.Sc (Information Science) and M.Lib. Science. Hence, the admission for the five programmes will be made along with admissions to B.Ed and MBA for which entrance exams had to be conducted. Once it is conducted, admissions for other five courses will be done along with B.Ed and MBA, he said.

KSOU Vice-Chancellor Dr. B. Shivalingaiah (second from left) addressing a press conference at KSOU premises in city yesterday as others look on.

The admissions from January next year will be done only through online to maintain transparency, said Dr. Shivalingaiah.

Unlike earlier, when any aged person without any qualification could apply for distance education programmes, the conditions stipulated now has changed and hence a student if he wants to pursue a degree course must have passed Pre-University and for a Post Graduate Degree, must possess a degree certificate, he said.

Online Admissions: All steps have been taken to make admissions through online. Even on holidays, fees can be paid through SBI Collect by going to the website www.ksoumysore.karnataka.gov.in. The students can choose subjects of their choice sitting at their places and register for the courses. They can pay the fees online and on the same day they can get the admission letter online, said Dr. Shivalingaiah.

The students will be provided bulk messages where in the candidates list, selection list, waiting list and other information will be provided on the website and hence the students must keep watching it continuously.

The details of all the teaching and non-teaching staff including their e-mail address, and other correspondence will be available online, he said.

Ph.D Admissions: Notification has been issued for Ph.D admissions. Those who have Ph.D written the entrance exam in 2012 will be given opportunity this year. A few have already registered and a few have submitted the thesis. All of them will be allowed to continue according to the new UGC guidelines, he said.

Eight new courses in July

Preparations are made for admissions to eight new courses from the next academic year in July 2019. Jobs for this will be created according to UGC guidelines and the proposal will be sent to the Government and this will be in turn to the UGC seeking approval.

Confusion in Ratnaprabha Panel recommendations: There is some confusion in the Ratnaprabha Committee recommendations. It had recommended to give the marks cards and certificates for the year 2012 students and it has been implemented.

However, for 2013-14 and 2014-15 permission has not been given. A proposal has been sent to the Governor to allow conducting of examinations for these two batches and give the marks cards. The approval for this has still not been given, said Dr. Shivalingaiah in reply to a question.

The UGC had granted recognition to the following in-house non-technical 17 courses on Aug. 14 for a period of five years to KSOU that include- BA, B COM, Bachelor of Library and Information Science, MA in Ancient History and Archaeology, Economics, English, Hindi, History, Journalism and Mass Communication, Kannada, Political Science, Public Administration, Sociology, Urdu, Commerce, Master of Library and Information Sciences and Master of Science (Environmental Science).

Further, UGC gave recognition to another 14 courses on Oct. 28 and the courses include: B.Ed, MBA, MA (Sanskrit), M.Sc in Bio-Chemistry, Bio-Technology, Chemistry, Clinical Nutrition & Dietetics, Computer Science, Geography, Information Science, Mathematics, Micro Biology, Physics and Psychology.

KSOU Registrar Dr. Ramanand, Dean (Academic) Prof. Jagadish and Dean Study Centre Prof.D.C. Basavaraju were present.

Convocation Hall inauguration on Dec.1

The new Convocation Hall built inside the Muktagangothri premises will be inaugurated on Dec.1 by Governor Vajubhai Vala. This is an Air-conditioned hall with all modern facilities. Except for marriages it will be made available for all academic activities to the public, said Dr. Shivalingaiah.

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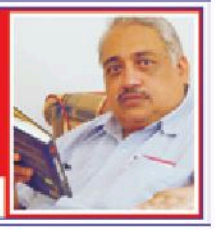

By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

Making Exhibitions Safe

Every now and then we see many exhibitions being held in our city, especially at the Maharaja's College Grounds or at the Bharat Scouts and Guides Grounds with an occasional one arriving at the JSS Urban Haat complex too. These are a relatively recent trend and until this set in there was only the annual **Mysore Dasara Exhibition** which used to be the most sought after destination for every person living in or around the city. Since it used to be a month-long affair, it was a place which had to be visited at least three or four times. **A single hurried visit to this exhibition could simply not do justice to all that one wanted to see or buy there!**

Yes there was much to see and much to buy there in those days. It is only now that there are no takers for the stalls there until our Dasara is almost over, with many stalls remaining vacant altogether till it is time for it to be wound up. Over the past few years, to mitigate the sorrow of the shop-keepers there who always complain that they have not made any profits, its tenure is often extended more than once. **This measure too does nothing more than just mollifying them and encouraging them to come back the next year !** The sad truth is that today its once lofty stature has become reduced to the level of a village fair in which even villagers are not interested.

During its heydays this exhibition used to be the only place where you could buy some things which would simply not be available in Mysore during the rest of the year. This was especially so in the case of textiles, sarees, towels, bed sheets and quilts, each one of which would come from a particular region of the country. While the towels would come from Tamil Nadu, the bed sheets would come from handlooms in and around Solapur in Maharashtra. **Now, both these uniquely rough-textured, daily use necessities used to be real work-horses, simply refusing to be worn down even with the roughest use all through the year till their owners out of sheer boredom bought new ones at the next exhibition!** Block printed cotton dress material would come from Jaipur with unique Rajasthani motifs showing elephants, camels, peacocks or village belles with water-pots delicately balanced on their hips and heads! The sarees used to come from Kancheepuram if they were richly brocaded silks or from Andhra Pradesh if they were humble but hardy cottons. The quilts would come from Rajasthan if they were the thin, cotton filled ones meant for use during the greater part of the year or from Punjab if they were the heavy ones meant for winter use. **The latter would be so effective in warding off the winter chill that for our not-so-cold Mysore winters they were actually an overkill! You'd have to kick them off in the middle of the night to fight the built up heat and cool down a little till you felt like tucking yourself into them once again!**

The Mysore Sandal Soap stall was the place where most true-bred Mysoreans invariably bought their entire year's quota because of the very attractive discounts offered just once a year. During my childhood the only fascination of going to the Dasara Exhibition lay in showing off my skills at the air-gun shooting stalls and buying letter-pads and notebooks which I really did not need, at the Bhadravathi-based Mysore Paper Mills stall. This government owned brand had a Bison as its Brand Ambassador and the stall at the exhibition always used to have at its entrance, a realistic looking papier-mâché bison peeping out of a bamboo thicket ! My next destination used to be the Mysore Power Corporation Pavilion with its models of the Western Ghats, Jog Falls and the Sharavathi Power Generating Station. Surprisingly, these continued to fascinate me year after year although they remained absolutely unchanged over the years !

Coming back from the pages of my past to the present and to the real reason why I am writing today's article, I feel that most of the exhibitions that are being held in our city now at places other than our Dasara Exhibition Grounds are rather unsafe. Most of these are held in pavilions made largely of highly inflammable cloth, canvas and wood. These enclosures with long, zig-zag passages have tightly packed stalls, again selling very combustible stuff like plastic goods, carpets, fabrics and furniture. Visitors have to per-force walk through the entire maze which has almost no quick access to safe exits. Most of us who go there do not realise that in case of a fire or even a stampede for some reason, these places can be virtual death-traps.

It is time we woke up to the real danger of the unforeseen happening at such venues and take precautions to see that all events where people congregate are held only in very safe places. An example of such a safe place is the JSS Urban Haat on the Ring Road which seems to have been created by the JSS Group keeping in mind the safety of all those who go there. I think our government should follow this example and create some more such places at convenient locations across the city. This place has ample parking space which is again one of the most important requisites for such a facility.

The stalls are well spaced out with wide open passageways all around them and in case of any commotion people can quickly disperse from the scene without the least difficulty. Every area has ramps making them accessible to those using wheelchairs and most importantly there are places where people can rest in the middle of their shopping. Incidentally, when you come to think about it you will realise that the greatest bane of almost all our modern day malls is that there are no places where you can sit down and rest for a while even if you feel like. **They all seem to have been deliberately engineered to keep you on your feet all the time, with the only place where you can rest being the food courts where you will have to order something — indeed the pound of flesh you have to pay just for some rest and respite from all the walking and the spending!**

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CM to inaugurate Silver Jubilee of Vidya Vikas on Nov. 28

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (KS)- Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy will inaugurate the Silver Jubilee celebrations of Vidya Vikas Educational Trust (VVET) at its sports grounds on Bannur Road here on Nov. 28 at 10 am. Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will grace the occasion.

Former Union Minister and MP Dr. M. Veerappa Moily will inaugurate the auditorium. Higher Education Minister G.T. Devegowda will preside.

Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, MP Pratap Simha, MLA Tanveer Sait, MLCs K.T. Srikantegowda and Marithibbegowda will be the chief guests.

President of PES Education Trust, Mandya, Dr. H.D. Chowdaiah and President of Academy of Liberal Education, Sullia, Dr. K.V. Chidananda will be felicitated on the occasion.

The valedictory will be held on the same day at 5.30 pm which will be graced by Sri Adichunchanagiri Mahasamsthana Mutt Seer Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji.

Deputy Chief Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara will deliver the valedictory address. MP R. Dhruvanarayan will preside. Tourism Minister S.R. Mahesh, MLCs Sandesh Nagaraj and R. Dharmasena will be the chief guests.

Former MLA and Chairman of VVET Vasu and Secretary V. Kaveesh Gowda will be present.

Vidya Vikas Educational Trust was established in 1991. Spread over a sprawling campus of 65 acres, VVET has catapulted into one of the leading educational institutions ranging from Primary School to Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate Colleges covering Arts, Commerce, Hospitality, Nursing, Social Work, Education and all facets of Engineering in Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, Bengaluru Urban and Rural.

Nutri Expo at JSS tomorrow
to commemorate World Food Day

Mysuru, Nov.23- The Division of Nutrition & Dietetics, Department of Water & Health-Faculty of Life Sciences, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru, has organised **Nutri Expo-2018** at JSS AHER premises in Bannimantap here on Nov.24 to commemorate World Food Day.

The expo, jointly co-organised by JSS Hospital Dietetics Department, JSS College of Nursing, Defence Food Research Laboratory (DFRL) and CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), will be held from 10 am to 6 pm. Entry to this event is free.

This Expo on Nutrition will focus on promoting awareness

and help in tackling the chronic nutritional disorders and diseases and clinical nutrition faced by mankind. Hence, the expo is themed "Know Your Nutrition."

General public, Nutritional Scientists and students, Researchers and Industrial executives may attend, according to a press release from Organising Secretary Dr. Vanitha Reddy, Assistant Professor.

Krishi Mela at Mandya VC Farm on Nov. 24, 25

Mysuru, Nov.23 (SR)- A two-day Krishi Mela to showcase various achievements of agriculture and research activities, besides to provide a platform for farmers to find solutions to problems related to agriculture and horticulture will be held on Nov. 24 and 25 at Zonal Agriculture Station, V.C. Farm in Mandya.

The Mela is organised by University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru (UAS-B) Zonal Agriculture Research Station in association with Krishi Vignan Kendra, Mandya, Department of Agriculture, Horticulture, Sericulture, Forest, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Sciences of Mysuru, Mandya, Hassan, Chamarajanagar and Tumakuru Districts and Cauvery Command Area Development Authority.

A demonstration on hybrid crops of ragi, jowar, maize, paddy, sugarcane, fodder and horticulture crops is also organised. Demonstration on adopting drip irrigation technology to sugarcane and paddy crops, tissue culture, water management technology, production of chemical-free jaggery too has been arranged.

Display of hybrid cow, and cattle, information on alternative crops other than sugar cane and paddy, achievements in dairy farming and other information on empowerment to farmers will be available at the Mela. Farmers and interested students can attend this event. An exhibition of various hybrid crops/machineries and seminars on farming sector are on cards.

Mellifluous rendition by Vid. T.M. Krishna

Vid. T.M. Krishna presenting a Karnatak vocal recital at Ramabai Govinda Rao Rangamandira of Ganabharathi in Kuvempunagar last evening. Picture right shows a section of rasikas.

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (US&YDS)- Ganabharathi had organised a Karnatak vocal recital by Vid. T.M. Krishna at Ramabai Govinda Rao Rangamandira in Kuvempunagar here last evening.

The Magsaysay Award winner enthralled the audience with his perfect synchronisation of 'Raga, Thala and Laya' drawing applause for each rendition. He was accompanied by H.N. Bhaskar on violin, Praveen Kumar on mridanga and R. Krishna Kumar on ghata with Rajat and Veda Bhat providing 'Shruti' on 'Thamboori.'

Speaking on the occasion, Krishna commended Ganabharathi for promoting classical music. Seeing a few people standing as the auditorium was full, Krishna asked those people to come and sit on the stage which they happily agreed.

Today, Vid. Krishna will be performing at Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill, at 6 pm.

Three-day events at Sri Srinivasa temple

Mysuru, Nov.23-Sri Srinivasa temple in Ramakrishna Nagar I-Block is celebrating its 4th anniversary with a three-day programme starting today.

Nov. 23 - 7.30 pm: Felicitation to MLA S.A.Ramdas and Senior Advocate S. Umesh.

Nov.24 - 5.30 pm: Bharatanatyam by Bharathaanjali troupe of Dr. Sheela Shridhar.

Nov.25 - 5.30 pm: Karnatak Music by Vid. Vivek Moozhikulam, Violin: Vid. Gokul Alankode, Mridangam: Vid. A. Radhesh,Ghatam: Vid. S. Manjunath.

Profile: Vivek Moozhikkulam hailing from Kerala started learning music under V. R. Dileep Kumar and presently taking advanced classes under C.R. Vaidyanathan of Chennai.

Vivek Moozhikkulam

He has received Chembai Puraskaram 2017 from the Kerala Government; Best Individual Performance in HCL concert series 2017 from Music Academy Chennai; M. S. Subhulakshmi Fellowship from Shanmukhananda Sabha Mumbai 2014-2017; Ministry of Culture Senior Scholarship; Direct B High Grade from AIR Thrissur among others.

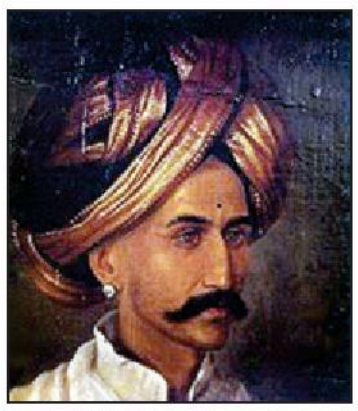
Recently he sang for the movie "Thrishivaperoor Cliptam."

Violinist V.S. Gokul initially learnt from his uncle K. Surendran and later continued with Edapally K. Ajith Kumar. Now he is training under Kanyakumari. He has won several prizes including All India Radio competition and M.S. Subbhulakshmi Fellowship from Sri Shanmukhananda Sabha.

Day-long Veena Utsava at Ganabharathi on Nov. 25

Mysuru, Nov. 23- Ganabharathi has organised Veena Utsava as part of Veene Sheshanna Day on Nov. 25 at Veene Sheshanna Bhavana in Kuvempunagar from 10 am to 8 pm.

This festival features seven Veena concerts and lecture demonstrations on the compositions of Veene Sheshanna. The schedule of the festival is as follows: **10 am to 11 am -** Vid. Vijayaraghavan accompanied by Vid. G. S. Ramanujam, Vid. S. Manjunath, **11 am to 12 pm -** Vidu. Shubha Santhosh accompanied by Vid. P. Nataraj, Vid. Sharath Koushik, **12 to 1.30pm -** Lec-dems on compositions by Vidu. Nagamani Srinath, Vidu. Geetha Ramanand, Vid. H. K. Venkatram, Vid. D Balakrishna, presided over by Prof. Mysore V. Subrahmanya, **2.15 pm to 3.15 pm-** Vidu. M. R. Manjula accompanied by Vid. A. Radhesh, Vid. V. S. Ramesh, **3.15 pm to 4.15 pm-** Vidu. Arunakumari accompanied by Vid. H. L. Shivashankaraswamy, Vid. V. S. Ramesh, **4.15 pm to 5.15 pm-** Vidu. Rakshitha Ramesh accompanied by M. R. Manjunath, Vid. Vikram Bharadwaj, **6pm to 7pm-** Vidu. R.S. Jayalakshmi accompanied by Vid. C. Cheluvaraju, Vid. Gurumurthy, **7pm to 8pm-** Vidu. Ponni accompanied by Vid. C. Cheluvaraju and Vid. Gurumurthy.



D. Devaraja Urs Prathibha Puraskar Applications invited

Mysuru, Nov.23- The Department of Other Backward Classes has invited applications from other Backward Classes community students for distribution of D. Devaraja Urs Prathibha Puraskar for the year 2018-19.

Community students who scored above 70 per cent marks in PUC, under-graduate, post graduate, diploma, other professional and technical courses are eligible to apply.

Students of Other backward Classes Category -1, 2A, 3A and 3B can apply through online to the Department's website: *www.backwardclasses.kar.nic.in* before Nov. 30.

Candidates for the Puraskar will be selected based on merit and reservation benefits. For details call Ph: 0821-2342917, according to a press release from the Department.

Brahmin convention: Bhajan competition on Nov.26, 27

Mysuru, Nov.23- Brahmana Bhajana Mandali has organised a bhajan competition on Nov. 26 and 27 at Sri Krishnadhama in Saraswathipuram as part of the Mega Brahmin Convention to be held on Dec 15 and 16 at Ganapathy Ashrama in city.

Interested Bhajana Mandalis are requested to enrol their names with Tirupathi Thirumaladasa Sahitya Project Hon. Pracharak S.S. Ravi on Mob: 94826-08641 or 94491-50641.

Light Music & Film songs contest on Nov. 25, Dec. 2

Mysuru, Nov. 23 - Srivaaru Sapthaswara Samsthe in association with Srivaaru Digital Studio will be conducting a district-level light music and film songs competition on Nov. 25 at 9 am at Dhvanyaloka auditorium, T.K. Layout, Bogadi Road in city. The competition will be conducted in different age group category (8-12 years, 13-17 and 18 - 30).

For registration and details contact Srivaaru Digital Studio, # 9, 2nd floor, Nirmithi Kendra Main Road, Telecom Layout, Bogadi Road, Mysuru or over Ph: 0821-4526448

Puttanna Kanagal film songs: Puttanna Kanagal Vedike, Periyapatna, as part of Puttanna Kanagal's 85th birth anniversary, has organised Puttanna Kanagal directed Kannada film songs contest on Dec. 2 at Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra auditorium in JSS Hospital premises, Mysuru at 10.30 am.

The competition is open for both men and women and there is no age limit. There is no participation fee.

Those interested to participate should give their address along with their phone numbers, name of the film and the song they are singing to Kamplapura Mohan on Mob: 98809-00893 before Nov. 30, according to a press release.

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'I will co-operate to take Mysore Varsity to National level'

Former VC Prof. K.S. Rangappa assures at new VC Prof. Hemantha Kumar's felicitation

The new Vice-Chancellor of University of Mysore Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar being felicitated at a function organised by Institution of Excellence in Vijnana Bhavana, Manasagangothri, yesterday as former VCs Prof. K.S. Rangappa, Prof. P. Venkataramaiah and Prof. K. Byrappa, Distinguished Professor (Life-long) Prof. Mewa Singh and others look on.

Mysuru, Nov.23 (MK&NNN)- "I will fully cooperate with the new Vice-Chancellor to take the University of Mysore (UoM) to the national level," said former UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. K.S. Rangappa.

He was speaking at the felicitation function organised in honour of the new Vice-Chancellor of UoM Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar by Institution of Excellence (IOE) at Vijnana Bhavana in Manasagangothri yesterday.

"The new VC has already met Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy with regard to the growth of the University. I will also meet the CM and the Higher Education Minister G.T. Devegowda and speak to them about the steps to be taken to improve the University," he said.

Prof. Rangappa also has that he had known Prof. Hemantha Kumar since the last 25 years and any work entrusted to him, he would do it diligently. He will gain the confidence of everyone and take the University to the national level, said Prof. Rangappa.

He advised the new VC to see that he works in the interest of the students and the staff of the University and take bold decisions within the confines of the law and without bowing to any pressure. He also asked him to come out with new projects.

> "It is very difficult to manage the post of the Vice-Chancellor of the century-old University of Mysore, as one has to face many challenges. A few of the Professors in the University have the traits to tarnish the image of good people. There are people here who are jealous of the growth of others. They are so selfish that all their interest is in self-promotion and what they can gain for themselves. The new VC should take precautions not to fall into the trap of such negative people and see that he works only in the interest of the University.
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> **—Prof. K.S. Rangappa, former VC, University of Mysore**

Former VC of Kuvempu University Prof. P. Venkataramaiah said that it is due to the achievements of Prof. Hemantha Kumar that he has got this prestigious position. It is a matter of great pride that an alumnus of the University is decorating the chair of the VC.

"The post of the VC of UoM is not an easy job. There will be huge responsibilities on his shoulders, however, we are all confident that he will be able to handle them," said Prof. Venkataramaiah.

"One of the main challenges he has, is to preserve the quality of education and appointment of lecturers which has not been done since the past ten years. However, he has already made plans to implement them. But he needs the cooperation of teachers, students and administrative staff," said Prof. Venkataramaiah.

Later, replying to the felicitation, Prof. Hemantha Kumar said that if he had become the VC today, it was only due to the staff in the University who had worked with him in the past. Even in the future he will seek their cooperation, he added.

Former VC of Mangalore University Prof. K. Byrappa, Distinguished Professor (Life-long) Prof. Mewa Singh, Prof. H.S. Prakash, Prof. Srikantaswamy, Prof. K. Raveesha, UoM Alumni Association President Dr. Vasanth Thimkapura and others were present during the felicitation ceremony.

R. Manjunath is new Director of Mysore Airport

Manjunath

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (RK&DM)- R. Manjunath has been appointed as the new Director of Mandakalli Airport, Mysuru. This is his second stint at Mysuru.

Manjunath, who had earlier served at Mysore Airport was transferred to Sikkim Airport sometime back. The Sikkim International Airport was recently inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Now, Manjunath has been transferred again to Mandakalli Airport and he took charge as Director on Nov. 12.

'BAI must team up with Govt.'

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300 delegates

During the two-day seminar, over 10 national and internationally acclaimed experts will throw light on recent advances and developments in the construction industry across the world on the theme 'Smart Construction and Efficient Building Services'.

Over 300 delegates from across the country, who are involved in supplying building materials including bathroom fittings, kitchen cabinets, interiors, floor tiles, construction equipment, lighting products, pre-engineered buildings, landscaping resources and rain water harvesting system, are participating. Vice-Chancellor of University of Mysore Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, BAI State Chairman Prof. K.S. Someshwara Reddy, MD of Starworth Infrastructure and Construction Ltd., Bengaluru, Raj Pillai, BAI Mysore Centre Chairman V. Subramanya, Build-Tech Organising Committee 2018 Chairman V. Srinath, Secretary K. Ajith Narayan and others were present.

Mysuru-Chennai Bullet Train to be a reality by 2030

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Ashwani Lohani said the report is doable but before taking further steps, it will be studied. The project will benefit thousands of people who travel on a daily basis between Mysuru-Bengaluru and Chennai. Traffic on the stretch is ever-increasing forcing many people to fly, he said. There are many people who would want to shift from air to train to save money and time, he added.

On the viability of the bullet train project, Lohani said that land acquisition should not pose much problem as most of the dedicated corridor will be parallel to the existing Railway tracks and the project's elevated nature will enormously reduce the land requirement. The project may also link pilgrim sites like Tirupati but their feasibility study is yet to be done, added Lohani.

Patients, pregnant women stage protest against absent doctor

K.R. Pet, Nov. 23(Nagaiah&SR)- Dozens of angry patients including pregnant women and their relatives staged a protest outside Government General Hospital at K.R. Pet this morning against an obstetrician and gynaecologist for going on sudden leave without any prior information.

They raised slogans against Dr. Priyanka for leaving the patients in trouble after giving delivery date to several pregnant women.

Heated arguments ensued between patients, relatives and staff of the government hospital over this issue and lack of facilities.

MCC cancels parking tender contract

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"As soon as the report was published, we swung into action and the contract was terminated. We are mulling on taking over the contract and appoint staff on behalf of MCC to collect parking fee," Jagadeesha said.

On when the Town Hall parking facility would be open again, he said that discussions were on in the MCC to fix the parking fee. "We will open the facility in a week or so," he said.

Man kills wife near KRS

Mandya, Nov. 23 (Nagaiah&SR)- A man allegedly beat his wife to death after a fight broke out between them over a trivial issue at Belagola village in Srirangapatna taluk near KRS this morning.

The deceased has been identified as Priyanka (21) and the accused is Kiran (26). Kiran hailed from Udayagiri and Priyanka was from Yeraganahalli near Mysuru. From different castes, they fell in love and got married last year.

As their families opposed the marriage, they were living separately in a rented house near Belagola. A fight broke out between them last night over a trivial issue. Police said that after marriage, both husband and wife were suspecting each other of having an extra-marital affair.

As arguments broke out between them yesterday, Kiran allegedly hit Priyanka hard and she died. The KRS Police have arrested Kiran.

Journalist Rajashekar Koti was a dreamer: Sreenivasa Prasad

Veteran journalist remembered on his first death anniversary

Veteran journalist Patil Puttappa and Minister G.T. Devegowda seen offering floral tributes to the portrait of Journalist Rajashekar Koti at Kalamandira this morning as former Minister V. Sreenivasa Prasad, MLA A. H. Vishwanath, MDJA President C.K. Mahendra and others look on. Picture right shows a section of the audience including Nirmala Koti (extreme right).

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (RK&NNN)-It is the litterateurs and journalists who have the capacity to dream and who dare dream but they do not have the power to put their dreams into actions, while the politicians have the power to put the dreams into actions but they do not dream, said former Minister V. Sreenivasa Prasad.

He was speaking at '*Koti Nenapu*' organised in memory of late journalist Rajashekar Koti on his first death anniversary, by the Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) at Kalamandira this morning and said if ever there was a dreamer who always fought for the cause of the downtrodden section of the society through his newspaper, it was Koti.

Rajashekar Koti was one of the pioneers who strived hard for the development of district newspapers, who always believed in good human relations. He was influenced by Ram Manohar Lohia's ideology and thinking and hence took up causes of the poor in his newspaper. In short, he was an excellent human being, said Prasad.

Recalling the time when *Andolana* newspaper had brought out a collection of reports on him titled, '*Madhyamagallali Sreenivasa Prasad,*' he said though Koti was very unhappy when he had left the party to join another one and he had distanced himself from him (Prasad), he as a politician had always respect for Koti, said Prasad.

Koti had been groomed in the stables of renowned journalist Patil Puttappa and the very word *Andolana* means agitation which stood for social justice and causes. There was a time when Koti had suffered financial losses and that was the time when litterateurs like Devanur Mahadev and others who had stood by him, he said.

Koti was the voice of the exploited masses and through his newspaper *Andolana,* he fought for their rights, said Higher Education Minister G.T. Devegowda.

GTD remembered how he had personally seen Koti distributing his newspaper by hand to the people and how he had grown to the stature he had reached by working extremely hard. Even his wife Nirmala Koti had always stood by him through tough times which he said he had seen with his own eyes.

Koti always believed in straight talk and was a person who never minced words. Pointing out this trait of Koti, GTD said that once the veteran journalist had come to attend an Adivasi programme and as soon as he reached the place, he pointed out to the poor condition of the roads. Being an MLA at that time, he had immediately got the road repaired, GTD reminisced.

Former CMs' messages

MDJA City Secretary B. Raghavendra read out the message of former Chief Minister S.M. Krishna, who was to inaugurate the programme but could not attend.

The message of former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah was also read out which said that he (Siddharamaiah) had personally known Koti for a long time and whenever he read *Andolana,* he felt that Koti was with him.

Earlier, floral tributes were offered to the portrait of Rajashekar Koti. On the occasion, a book '*Koti Odugara Andolana*' was released.

The others present on the dais included veteran journalist Patil Puttappa, Tourism Minister S.R. Mahesh, MLA A. H. Vishwanath and MDJA President C.K. Mahendra. Litterateur Prof. G. H. Nayak, Meera Nayak, MLA L. Nagendra, former MLA Vasu, former Mayor R. Lingappa, Mysuru City Congress President R. Murthy, Prof. H.S. Ramachandra Gowda, former MUDA Chairman C. Basavegowda, Congress leaders Vikrant P. Devegowda, former Minister C.H. Vijayashankar, Nirmala Koti, children Ravi Koti, Rashmi Kaujalgi, Ramya Patil and others were present on the occasion.

Congress intensifies membership drive

Mysuru, Nov.23 (RKB&DM) - In a bid to galvanise the party ahead of the Lok Sabha polls, the District Congress has intensified its membership drive.

Addressing a press meet at Jaladarshini Guest House on Hunsur Road here this morning, Mysuru District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijay Kumar said the party membership drive has been intensified following directions from AICC President Rahul Gandhi. The drive is aimed at enrolling at least 60,000 new members from each Assembly segment across the country, he said.

Explaining the membership process, Dr. Vijay Kumar said one can become member of the party by sending an SMS message along with his/her voter ID card (EPIC Card) Number to Mob: 70450-06100.

Minutes after sending the message, the sender will get an acknowledgement of the membership, he said and appealed the public to join the party. DCC office-bearers Maruti, Yedadore Manjunath, Manchanahalli Raghu and others were present.

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Before iron ore, Ballari had jeans in its genes

Visit State-level Khadi Utsav-2018 to buy your favourite brands

By Ramesh Kebbehundi

Tell your friends that you are going to Ballari (Bellary earlier) and they will ask you to bring jeans from there. Apart from the famous and infamous mining industry, Ballari is known for its good-quality, low-cost jeans. Ballari sells jeans brands with names such as 'Nasty', 'Point Blank', 'Hotline', 'Pierre Ballari', 'Power' and 'Reporter'. The garment industry was introduced to Ballari during the British rule. Ballari was once a British cantonment and it was here that the uniforms for the British troops used to be stitched. Today, this legacy manifests itself in jeans as more than 250 small units in the town churn out around one million pairs of jeans a year.

At the ongoing State-level Khadi Utsav-2018, exhibition-cum-sale that is being organised by Karnataka State Khadi and Village Industries Board at J.K. Grounds in city, there is an outlet that sells jeans from Ballari. "People can buy jeans here for just Rs. 400 per piece but the same jeans that are produced in Ballari sell in the market and shops across the country for a minimum price of Rs. 800 to Rs. 1000, says Mahesh, the stall owner.

Karnataka State Khadi Gramodyog Samyuktha Sangha, Bengeri of Hubballi and Dharwad Taluk Garaga Kshetriya Seva Sangha of Dharwad district are the only authorised shops that are permitted to sell National Flags across the country. They have also displayed Khadi products at the Mela. Visitors and students are flooding to buy khadi kurtas, jubbas and other khadi materials.

The outlet that sells jeans from Ballari at the Khadi Utsav in J.K. Grounds. PIC. BELOW: *Units from J&K selling special woollen clothes and shawls. Kashmiri clothes and materials are available from Rs. 500 to Rs. 1.20 lakh.*

Rs. 2.5 crore business turnover expected: District Officer for Khadi and Village Industries Board S.S. Kantharaju told *SOM* that the Department has expected a business turnover of Rs. 2.5 crore at this year's **Khadi Utsav which will conclude on Nov. 29. It will be open from 10 am to 9 pm daily.**

Last year, the Department had registered a turnover of Rs. 2.25 crore and also recorded Rs. 2 crore business in 2016. Both Central and State Governments have been conducting this Utsav across the country with a main intention of providing a platform for traditional weavers to display and sell their handloom clothes and their cottage industries products.

Through such exhibitions, weavers and producers of all-weather and environment-friendly khadi materials which have a Swadeshi touch are being encouraged as per policy initiative since 1995.

Many of the Khadi Gramodyog Organisations and handloom weavers had obtained loan from State-owned Khadi and Village Industries Board and Government of India-administered Khadi Village Industries Commission (KVIC) under Rural Employment Guarantee Programme (REGP), Pradhan Mantri Employment Guarantee Programme (PMEGP) and Chief Minister's Employment Guarantee Programme (CMEGP). More than 216 Gramodyog Units had obtained loans ranging from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 25 lakh to set up their weaving, spinning, dying and bleaching units.

The Government has given 35 per cent subsidy for these units. They produce hand-woven 100 per cent pure cotton khadi (Arale Khadi) clothes using raw materials available in their areas. The Government has also created marketing facilities exclusively to these khadi and village industries units apart from giving loans to them. Similar khadi expos will be held at different cities across the country every year, he added.

Huge demand from Mysureans

Of late, the government is also holding expos in Mysuru as there is a huge demand for khadi materials, clothes and other products. The Department has set up 95 stalls this year in Mysuru and Khadi producers from Dharwad, Ballari, Kolar, Chikkaballapura and Davanagere, J&K, West Bengal, Maharashtra and Haryana have set up stalls. They have displayed products including Khadi clothes, cotton sarees, cotton kurtas, Channapattana dolls, forest produce, herbal medicine, juice, Badam powder, honey, artefacts, snacks, pickles, leather and a host of Ayurvedic products.

'Raahee, The Hunter' in Theatres

This Kannada movie is based on wildlife conservation

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (MTY&BCT)- Amidst a host of films revolving around love, marriage, Police, goondas, religion and education, here is a movie that is devoted to wildlife conservation and it promises a different experience to the audience and change their outlook towards flora and fauna.

The Kannada movie, '*Raahee, The Hunter*' has hit the screens today. The story is based on the real life experiences of Lavin, a woman from Karmad in South Kodagu as she has closely seen hunting, poaching, forest encroachment and man-animal conflict.

A scene from the Kannada movie *'Raahee, The Hunter.'*

The movie sends out a strong message that if we do not conserve the forests, the future generation would have to lead a life devoid of greenery which in turn will threaten their existence. Lavin wanted to do a documentary on the topic but it turned out to be a commercial movie following suggestions from her friends and forest officers.

The movie has been shot in picturesque villages adjoining Nagarahole National Park, Biligirirangana Betta, Santhemaralli, Saragur and H.D. Kote.

The plot revolves around efforts of Forest Department to save forests and wildlife, timber mafia, rampant poaching and forest encroachment. Shivagirish has played the hero and Vandana as heroine.

M.J. Chethan Kumar has produced the movie and the story has been written by Mahan Aski who has also directed the movie.

Lavin has played the role of a Forest Officer and the other characters are played by Chandrahas Saragur, Sujatha and Ashwini.

Gadichowka Govt. School celebrating centenary tomorrow

Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar started Government Schools in State

By N. Niranjan Nikam

In 1915, the government passed an order asking the Head Masters of public schools to admit Dalit students with a view that no pupil should be denied admission to government school or schools maintained out of public funds on the ground of caste. This resulted in the higher castes to withdraw their children from schools where Dalit students were admitted. However, the government remained firm in its resolve and in its Government Order dated 29.11.1918 mentioned that the government cannot uphold the view that anyone shall be excluded from public schools on the ground of caste as schools maintained from public revenues are intended for the benefit of all classes of the people in the State in the same way as Hospitals, Courts of Law, Railways and other public institutions."

The above note is from the pages of '*Karnataka History*' focusing on **Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar,** the Philosopher-King. Exactly 100 years later, true to the resolve of the then government, a school in the heart of the city with a very endearing name **'Gadichowka Government School'** in Lakshmipuram close to the famous landmark Nanjumalige, is celebrating its centenary tomorrow (Nov.24).

This school has a vast area, but there is also a Block Education Office here, because, a school at one time which was overflowing with students today is reduced to just a few students.

The number of students in this school that has classes from one to seven is hardly 30 and with two Anganwadi centres also running here each with 25 children, the activity is just about picking up.

There are only three teachers here including the Head Master **S. Ravikumar,** and the two teachers **Mahadevamma** and **Harun Pasha.** None of them are really excited about the fact that their school set up during the reign of Nalwadi is celebrating the centenary.

The reason is simple — Not that they are not aware of the importance of the occasion, but simply because the teachers have a lot more on hand to do than just think about the celebrations.

Teachers Mahadevamma and Harun Pasha seen with Sujay Shivapooja and Brinda Shivapooja of Reachout India NGO.

"Sixty-five per cent of our time is spent in attending to other work like being involved in election duty, voter ID, sending SMS to the office about how many students are absent, the weight of the children and only 35 per cent in teaching. Sadly even the Inspectors of Schools who were at one time more interested in knowing directly from the students what they have learnt today just do not bother about the students but instead ask the school teachers and Head Master and what they say they record and leave," said one of the teachers who did not wish to be named and the other two echoed the thoughts.

Pasha, like his counterparts in Harohalli village in Nanjangud where the teachers pooled in their own money to paint the school in the form of a train to attract more students, reveals that they have spent money out of their pockets to bring students in autorickshaws to the school.

Asked why they should spend money out of their pockets, it was clear that they were forced to do this for two reasons — one noble, because most of the government school teachers feel that because they are getting a decent salary they want to see that they get the deprived sections of the society also get good education.

While the other reason is a bit sad because they have the fear that if the students dropout then like many government schools in the State this will also close down.

Reachout India pitches in

Here is where the role of *Reachout India,* a youth-run NGO working in the interest of the Government School, has made a difference as it has adopted Gadichowka Government School just three months ago.

Sujay Shivapooja and his cousin **Brinda Shivapooja,** told *Star of Mysore* that *Reachout India* was started by **Manasa Rao** in Pune three years ago and now with another member **Ishraq Faizal,** the four of them are involved in giving a facelift to the school. As part of Project RISE, *Reachout* has collaborated with this government school to conduct English Learning Programmes.

The classrooms and the walls have been painted by artists **Inchara Somesh** and architect **Shivani Satish** which makes the school a cheerful place. "It is only because of the involvement of NGOs like *Reachout* that we are able to run this school more efficiently. They have not only taken steps to control rodent problems, and given the school a facelift, we have also got help from donors who have given school bags freely," said a smiling Head Master Ravikumar.

They have plans to start LKG and UKG classes from next year so that they can retain the students in the school. "It is very sad that though we have two Anganwadis here, the parents prefer to send their children to a 'Convent' school simply because they are taught English there. Hence, we are also starting English medium here and since *Reachout* aims to start English language and moral education classes, we hope to enrol more students from next year," said Pasha.

Let us hope that more children join this 100-year-old School and also the Government stands firm in its resolve to improve such schools just like Nalwadi stood firm a century ago to improve school enrolment involving all sections of the society ▪

Interest-free loan scheme for street vendors launched

CM Kumaraswamy asks Police not to take 'Hafta' from roadside vendors

Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy seen distributing a cheque to a street vendor after launching 'Badavara Bandhu,' an interest-free loan scheme for street vendors in Bengaluru yesterday.

Bengaluru, Nov.23 (UNI) - Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy yesterday launched 'Badavara Bandhu,' an interest-free loan scheme for street vendors at a programme in Bengaluru. Under the scheme, nine banks and co-operative societies will give loans ranging from Rs. 2,000 to Rs. 10,000 without any interest.

Vendors now need not have to run from pillar to post to get loans from banks. One need not have to show the BPL card too. All they require is an Aadhaar card and the street vendor card issued by the local Corporation. The mobile banks will provide loans to vendors on the spot. On Thursday, cheques were distributed to a few vendors.

The CM pointed out that many poor street vendors take loan from rich agents. They repay heavy amounts as interest. These rich agents will wear heavy gold and have goondas with them who collect interest from these vendors.

We wanted to help these vendors. "I urge vendors to repay loans on time so that they can take double the loan next time," he said.

Those who operate push carts by roadsides and people selling beverages, eatables, food and other services in motor vehicles, those who sell fruits, vegetables, flowers, baskets and such other things, and vendors undertaking cobbling work and selling footwear and other leather items, and also those involved with selling of toys, household items, etc., would be eligible under this scheme. However, those who sell things which meddle with cleanliness by the roadside and harm the environment will not get loans under the scheme.

The CM urged the Police not to collect 'hafta' from street vendors. "These people are poor. Police collect Rs. 50-100, which is a huge amount for vendors. After our government came, this is controlled to some extent. But this has been an old practice which needs to be eradicated."

CM talks to sugar mill owners:

Asks them to clear farmer dues

Bengaluru, Nov.23 - The meeting called between sugar factory owners and Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy on Thursday, failed to elicit any concrete results with the sugar factory owners seeking more time to 'amicably' resolve the issue over settlement of dues with farmers, this was the only conclusion that came out of Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy's four-hour-long meeting with them.

While factory owners have agreed to pay Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) for this year, many of them are unwilling to fulfill their commitment made to farmers on ex-field-informed agreements between farmers and sugar factories, promising higher rate above the FRP– running into the 450 crore. Farmers are adamant that ex-field price be paid.

Sugar mill owners have sought 15 days' time to hold talks with farmers to settle the matter amicably.

Owners of 31 factories, who attended the meeting, were also non-committal on paying the FRP for 2018-19.

Kumaraswamy told factory owners to enter into a formal agreement on the payment for supply in the present season, considering that there had been allegations of owners reneging on informal agreements to pay above FRP, contributing to the present crisis.

The owners making no promise to the CM have chosen to talk to the cane suppliers directly, essentially meaning that their talks with the CM were inconclusive and non-binding.

Meanwhile, with the talks remaining inconclusive, farmers have decided to continue their agitation until the Government comes up with a clear picture on payment of arrears.

CM to inaugurate slew of development works in Mandya today

Mandya, Nov.23 - Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy will launch a slew of development works across Mandya District this evening.

The CM who will arrive at the VC Farm helipad at 1. 20 pm, will lay the foundation stone for a new bus stand at Shivalli at 2.30 pm, following which he will launch the works aimed at feeding water to 54 water bodies at a programme to be held at the Government PU College in Dudda.

The CM will later lay the foundation stone for a bus stand at Jakkanahalli on Pandavapura –Nagamangala Road at 4.20 pm, following which he will launch various developmental works related to Melukote Assembly Constituency at the Melukote TB at 4.45 pm, after which he will hold a meeting with officials.

Later, Kumaraswamy will take part in Kere Tonnur Utsava at Kere Tonnur in Pandavapura Taluk at 6.15 pm and will leave for Bengaluru by road at 8 pm.

Mandya District In-charge Minister C.S. Puttaraju, PWD Minister H.D. Revanna, Transport Minister D.C. Thammanna, Higher Education Minister G.T. Devegowda, Tourism Minister S.R. Mahesh, MLAs of the district and other people representatives will be present.

Arati puja at Kere Tonnur lake tomorrow

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For the first time, Arati puja and cultural programmes will take place at Kere Tonnur Lake at 4.30 pm tomorrow (Nov.24). On Nov. 25, noted singer Vijaya Prakash and team will present a musical nite at 4.30 pm.

District Minister C.S. Puttaraju will preside.

Farmer ends life after writing letter to CM

Jayakumar

Mandya, Nov.23 (Nagaiah& DM) - In a tragic incident, a 44-year-old debt-ridden farmer, who was also said to be suffering from cancer, committed suicide after writing a letter to the Chief Minister on his plight, at Kannatti in Mandya Taluk this morning.

Jayakumar (44) of Kannatti in Dudda Hobli of the taluk is the deceased. Jayakumar had secured a loan of Rs. 5 lakh from banks and private moneylenders and was unable to repay it due to crop loss and crash in prices. Even as he was worried over crop loss, he was diagnosed with cancer, which pushed him to depression, it is learnt.

A dejected Jayakumar ended his life by consuming poison at his house after writing a detailed letter to the Chief Minister of Karnataka, explaining farming woes and the plight of his family, it is learnt. Shivalli Police have registered a case in this regard.

Farmer dies of snake bite in MYSUGAR premises

Bommaiah

Mandya, Nov.23 (Nagaiah &DM)- In a tragic incident, a 48-year-old farmer died of snakebite at MYSUGAR factory premises in the town yesterday.

Bommaiah (48) of Belur in Mandya taluk is the deceased.

Bommaiah had bought sugarcane in a bullock cart to MYSUGAR factory two days ago and was waiting for his turn to off-load sugarcane, when a snake bit him at about 3 am and Bommaiah died sometime later.

But before he died, Bommaiah is said to have killed the snake.

Soon as the news of Bommaiah's death spread, irate farmers staged a demonstration in the factory premises and took General Manager Boregowda to task for the absence of medical facilities in the sugar factory premises and demanded appropriate compensation to the family of the deceased.

Mandya MLA M. Srinivas and former Srirangapatna MLA Ramesh Babu Bandisiddegowda visited the spot and pacified the agitated farmers.

The farmers later withdrew the protest following an assurance on payment of Rs. 5 lakh compensation.

Glowing tributes paid to Ananth Kumar

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (SBD&BCT)- Rich tributes were paid in city to former Union Minister H.N. Ananth Kumar who passed away recently. A "Nudi Namana" programme "Ananth Kumarji Amar Rahe" was organised last evening at Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall where speakers hailed the late leader's contribution to the growth of Karnataka and Mysuru in particular.

Noted Kannada novelist and Padma Shri awardee S.L. Bhyrappa said that Ananth Kumar never desired publicity and used to do his work far from public limelight. Ananth Kumar had carved a niche for himself in politics and he worked hard to strengthen BJP in Karnataka, particularly in Bengaluru and surrounding areas. He said that Ananth Kumar was very popular, dynamic leader of the poor and downtrodden.

Providing many instances, the Saraswathi Samman author described Ananth Kumar as a humanist first who had great pride in Kannada land and Kannada language. "He was a seasoned parliamentarian who served the nation in several capacities. His passion and devotion for the welfare of people was commendable," Bhyrappa said.

Former Minister and Dalit leader V. Sreenivasa Prasad recalled the incident where despite his ill health Ananth Kumar spoke about former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee (when the former PM passed away) for over 45 minutes.

"Ananth Kumar was one of the popular leaders who rose to the national level but was still attached to his roots. This is the reason why he was elected unopposed for 6 times and served as a Union Minister for over 10 years," Prasad said.

MLA S.A. Ramdas said that Ananth Kumar had contributed enormously to the development of Mysuru. He was the driving force behind the new Deputy Commissioner's Office, Mysore Airport, Post Office Passport Seva Kendra and Jan Aushad Kendras.

MLA L. Nagendra, Dakshina Prantha Sanghchalak of RSS M. Venkataram, former MLCs Thontadharya and G. Madhusudhan, Industrialists R. Guru and Gopinath Shenoy, BJP State Organising Secretary Arun Kumar, former MLA Bharathishankar, District Co-operative Movement President H.V. Rajeev, Corporator B.V. Manjunath, Mysuru District Brahmins Association President D.T. Prakash, BJP leader and advocate Arun Kumar and others were present on the occasion.

Traffic rules violation

Rs. 3.31 crore fine collected from Jan. 1 to Nov. 16 from offenders

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (RK&KS)- The Mysuru City Traffic Police, who have intensified their operations against traffic rules violators, have collected Rs. 3,31,27,200 from offenders from Jan. 1 to Nov. 16, 2018 through Field Traffic Violation Report (FTVR).

The City Traffic Police had intensified their operation against offenders by conducting checking at circles, junctions and main roads and had also issued notices through post to owners of vehicles that had violated traffic rules by checking CCTV footages of 59 cameras installed in city at Traffic Management Centre at City Police Commissioner's office.

More than 5,000 cases of traffic rules violation were registered per day and in the month of October alone and Rs. 17,29,900 fine was imposed through FTVR but after checking the CCTV footages, notices were issued to the vehicle owners and Rs. 43,98,700 fine amount was collected.

According to the information, the fine amount collected by using the technology is more than the fine amount collected by traffic cops through checking.

Meanwhile, the public have complained that the Traffic Police, deployed for checking helmetless riders were causing a lot of problems as many riders in a bid to escape from getting caught caused accidents resulting in deaths and injuries of not only riders but also others.

The public have suggested that instead of deploying Traffic Police for conducting manual checking, the Police could go through the CCTV footages, register cases and issue notice to owners of such vehicles which have violated traffic rules and collect fines from them.

Students groomed on preparing for examination

Mysuru, Nov.23 (PM&US)- With an aim to groom the students for SSLC and PUC examinations through a lateral angle, Indian Senior Chamber (ISC) and RR Group had organised a workshop with a theme 'Examination is a day of festival — enjoy' at Jaganmohan Palace recently. The parents were also groomed to support their children keeping the workshop theme in mind.

Addressing the students as the Resource Person, Satish Bhat asked the students to be logical in approach and suggested them to refrain from reading eight hours prior to the commencement of any examination. He gave a Power-Point presentation on time management, enhancing concentration and memory. He advised students to cultivate questioning habit and inquisitiveness.

Continuing, Bhat contended that anger and despair would only lower confidence leading to inferiority complex which would be detrimental in the long run. He asked students not to do two works simultaneously or in quick succession as that would impair performance.

About 300 students from various schools in city, rural areas, Mandya and other places along with their parents attended the workshop.

ISC Mysuru Chapter President Mahesh, National Convenor Nagesh, State Electrical Contractors Association District President Mallesh, Vice-President Shekar, Programme Co-ordinator Srikanth and others were present.

MUDA Adalat on Nov. 29

Mysuru, Nov. 23 (RK&DM)- Housing and Urban Development Minister U.T. Khader will chair Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) meeting at MUDA premises on JLB Road at 10 am on Nov. 29.

The meeting will review petitions submitted by the public and solutions will be found at the meeting itself, if possible. The Minister will take decisions concerning local issues, after holding discussions with officials and the public present at the Adalat.

Prior to MUDA Adalat, Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar, who is also the MUDA chairman, has convened a MUDA meeting at 11 am on Nov. 24. The meeting is likely to discuss alleged violation of rules by CA site allottees.

BABU'S BANTER

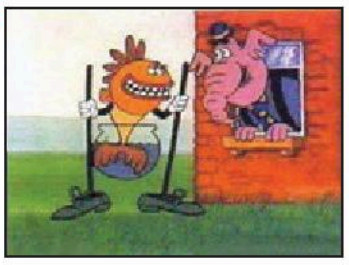
By M.V. Nagendra Babu

..... I NEVER HEARD OF THIS NAME 'TOILET' SINCE MY CHILDHOOD.
BY THE WAY, WHERE IS IT IN OUR COUNTRY?!!
MEASURE COUNTRY'S PROGRESS BY THE NUMBER OF ITS TOILETS
M.V. Nagendra Babu

WORD OF THE DAY

Tomfoolery

Pronunciation: Tahm-FOO-luh-ree.



Meaning: Playful or foolish behaviour.
Origin: In the Middle Ages, Thome Fole was a name assigned to those perceived to be of little intelligence. This eventually evolved into the spelling tomfool, which, when capitalised, also referred to a professional clown or a buffoon in a play or pageant. The name Tom seems to have been chosen for its common-man quality, much like Joe Blow for an ordinary person or Johnny Reb for a soldier in the Confederate army, but tomfoolery need not apply strictly to actions by men. In Lucy Maud Montgomery's Anne of Green Gables (1908), for example, Marilla Cuthbert complains of Anne: "She's gadding off somewhere with Diana, writing stories or practicing dialogues or some such tomfoolery, and never thinking once about the time or her duties."
Example: His tomfoolery is starting to reach championship levels.

THE ODD WORD

Turbary

The legal right to cut turf or peat for fuel on common ground or on another person's ground.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Too big for your breeches

Meaning: Conceited, having a too high opinion of oneself.

Origin: Too big for your breeches', or 'too big for your britches', sounds like an American phrase, and it is. It was first found in print in An Account of Col. Crockett's Tour to the North and Down East, 1835, written by Davy Crockett. I myself was one of the first to fire a gun under Andrew Jackson. I helped to give him all his glory. But I liked him well once: but when a man gets too big for his breeches, I say Good bye.
Those of a certain age will probably best recall Davy Crockett as 'the king of the wild frontier' from the 1950s television show and put him in the same category as fictional folk heroes like the Cisco Kid and the Lone Ranger. Crockett was, however, a real life US politician who represented Tennessee in the U.S. House of Representatives. A later alternative version of the phrase - 'too big for his boots' is found in both the USA and the UK from the 1860s onwards and may have originated in either place.
Example: Jeff's been too big for his britches now that he's been scouted by pro teams.

QUOTE BOX

Don't ever tell anybody anything. If you do, you start missing everybody.

— J.D. Salinger

RIDDLE THIS

Solve this rebus:

Answer: For instance.

SUDOKU

9	3						6	
			8			9		
	5	7		2				
		1	2			7		
	8		9		1		2	
		3			6	1		
				5		4	3	
		5			2			
	6						8	5

Answer to previous puzzle

5	4	9	2	7	1	3	6	8
8	3	7	9	5	6	1	2	4
6	2	1	3	8	4	7	9	5
2	6	3	5	1	8	9	4	7
4	7	8	6	9	3	2	5	1
1	9	5	7	4	2	8	3	6
7	5	2	1	6	9	4	8	3
3	1	4	8	2	5	6	7	9
9	8	6	4	3	7	5	1	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

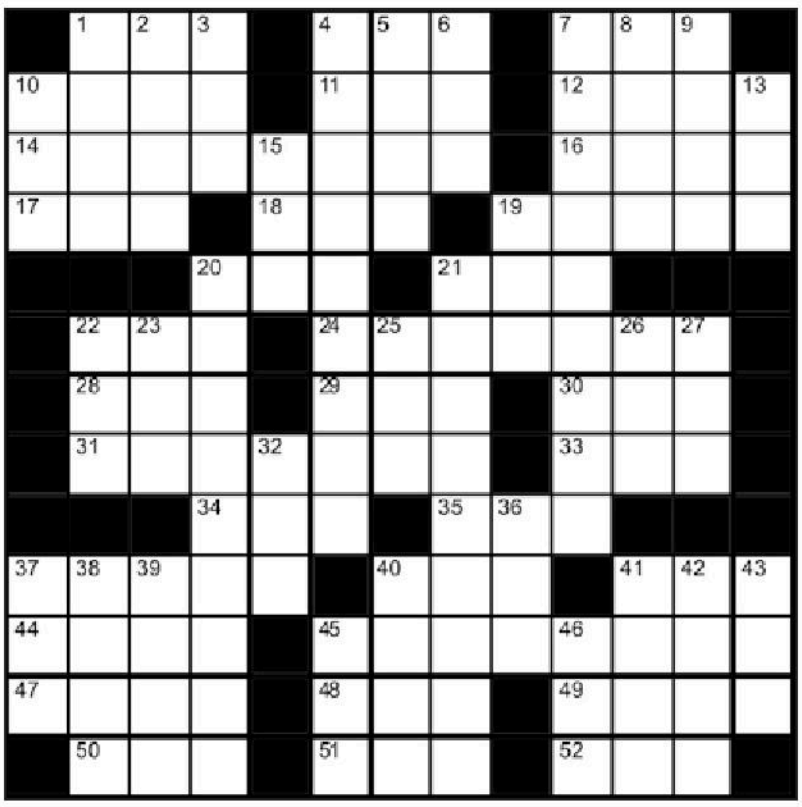
1 River in Wales
4 CEO's deg.
7 Kilolitres, abbr.
10 Medley or mixture of sorts
11 Battery size
12 Amer Inst. of Aeronautics and Astronautics
14 Those who attract with the help of certain baits
16 "Retired" in short?
17 Arctic explorer John
18 Priestly vestment
19 Our country
20 LP successors
21 Dead on arrival, acronym
22 Cheer
24 Defiled, not blameless
28 Commander, in short?
29 Reinforced cement concrete, in short
30 "Is" in the plural?
31 Prohibition, restriction or stoppage
33 Relatives, family
34 Total
35 What you might say when you make a discovery
37 Pieces of meat cooked on a skewer?
40 Quantity of heat in FPS unit
41 One of the bad guys in Lord of the Rings
44 Popular singing talent show Indian ___
45 Lingered aimlessly in or about a place
47 "Laid" anagram for a famous Spanish painter?
48 Dead Letter Off.
49 Site of Bamako
50 Microwave Landing Sys.
51 Sanjay Dutt to Sunil Dutt?
52 On the ___ : secretly or furtively?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

M	O	C	K		M	A	I		A	A	L	S
A	H	A	B		A	N	N		S	T	O	A
C	I	R	C		R	U	T		W	E	A	L
H	O	D		E	X	P	E	D	I	E	N	T
		A	N	D			R	O	M			
A	R	M	S	T	R	O	N	G		M	O	T
S	N	O	W		E	N	A		A	A	R	E
I	S	M		A	B	O	L	I	S	H	E	D
			A	W	E			P	E	A		
C	A	B	A	L	L	E	R	O		N	E	Y
P	R	O	D		L	E	A		L	A	D	E
A	T	O	M		E	L	K		O	D	E	A
S	I	M	I		D	Y	E		S	I	N	H

DOWN

1 Bone of human forearm
2 Location or area of work
3 Colourful Japanese carp
4 Huge whirlpool
5 Pointed hook
6 Old time movie __ Ka Panchchi
7 South Indian state
8 Fibbed; falsified
9 Hindu widow who immolates herself
10 "Over" for the poet
13 Old time movie Anokhi ___
15 Heel or uncouth person
19 Charged particle
20 Pupa
21 Spoken words for typing
22 Bangalore based IPL team
23 Bustle or to-do
25 Part of a play
26 Gad's son?
27 A wild animal's home
32 Young bear or lion
36 Humble dwelling
37 Young goat
38 Eve's hubby
39 Cotton pod
40 Machete - "obol" change?
41 By mouth
42 To trust with confidence upon
43 Course Deviation Indicator
45 Mormons gp.
46 Printing measures



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

L IVJVA SNCRFG VR HCVMEINGNA XNHFCN L ALGMNC, L YFULCA

ABCVGM IEN IVJN, LGA L YFBCLMNFBR SNCRFG LHINCULCA

TODAY'S CLUE: M EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: People want economy and they will pay any price to get it.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Taarakaasura	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
Victory 2	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Thayige Thakka Maga	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
The Villian	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Kismath	Woodlands	2422871	2 Shows
Ondu Sanna Break Na Nantara	Woodlands	2422871	2 Shows
Raahee	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Friendly Baby	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
Neevu Kare Maadida Chandadaararu	Lido	2420885	2 Shows
Darshanam	Lido	2420885	2 Shows
HINDI			
Bhaiaji Superhit	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
Dhoka Aur Murder	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Sharabha	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Saamy 2	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Sarkar	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
Thimiru Pudichavan	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows

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Varnamaya (K)	(S-1)	11.05 am
Ralph Breaks The Internet (3D-E)	(S-1)	2.05 pm, 4.45 pm 7.20 pm, 9.55 pm
Raahee (K)	(S-2)	11.00 am
Karshanam (K)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
Taxiwaala (Te)	(S-2)	4.00 pm; (S-4) 7.05 pm
Fantastic Beasts (E)	(S-2)	7.10 pm
Joseph (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Badhaai Ho (H)	(S-3)	11.00 am
Pattinapakkam (Ta)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Sarkari Hi. Pra. Shale (K)	(S-3)	4.25 pm
The Girl In The Spider's Web (E)	(S-3)	7.30 pm
24 Kisses (Te)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Robin Hood (E)	(S-4)	11.15 am, 9.55 pm
Kismath (K)	(S-4)	1.45 pm
Sarkar (Ta)	(S-4)	4.00 pm

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Ralph Breaks The Internet (3D-E)	(S-1)	9.45 pm, 12 pm, 2.30 pm 4.55 pm, 7.25 pm
Robin Hood (E)	(S-3)	10.50 am
	(S-2)	4.05 pm
	(S-1)	9.55 pm
Taxiwala (Te)	(S-2)	10.10 am, 6.35 pm
Apple Cake (K)	(S-2)	1.05 pm
24 Kisses (Te)	(S-2)	9.30 pm
The Girl In The Spider "S Web (E)	(S-4)	9.50 am
	(S-3)	4.20 pm, 9.40 pm
Varnamaya (K)	(S-4)	12.15 pm
Neevu Kare Madida Chandadararu (K)	(S-4)	2.55 pm
Kismath (K)	(S-4)	5.10 pm
Karshanam (K)	(S-4)	7.25 pm
Joseph (Feature Film) (Ma)	(S-4)	9.50 pm
Fantastic Beasts (E)	(S-3)	6.50 pm
Taarakaasura (E)	(S-3)	1.20 pm

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The Girl In The Spider's Web (E)	9 am, 5.10 pm, 10 pm
Ralph Breaks The Internet (3D-E)	9.05 am, 11.40 am, 2.15 pm, 4.50 pm, 7.25 pm
Victory 2 (K)	10.05 am
Taxiwaala (Te)	10.15 am, 6.45 pm, 9.55 pm
Robin Hood (E)	11.35 am, 7.35 pm
Varnamaya (K)	1.15 pm
Neevu Kare Maadida Chandadaararu (K)	1.20 pm
24 Kisses (Te)	2.10 pm
Apple Cake (K)	3.35 pm
Ondu Sanna Break Na Nantara (K)	4.10 pm
Taarakaasura (K)	6.45 pm
Joseph (Ma)	9.50 pm
Fantastic Beasts (E)	10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

EVENTS TODAY (NOV.23)

Ramsons Kala Pratishtana: 14th edition of Bombe Mane, Pratima Gallery, located above Aamrapali Sarees' Showroom, Nazarbad Main Road, **up to 7.30 pm.**

Sri Bhagyalakshmi: 'Nammura Tindi Mela 2017-18,' Muddu Magu, **4 pm to 5 pm;** Sakkath Jodi, **5 pm to 5.30 pm;** Stand-up Comedy by Mandya Ramesh, **5.30 pm to 7.30 pm;** Dance, Maharaja's College Grounds, near Ramaswamy Circle, **7.30 pm to 9.30 pm.**

Department of PU Education and Vijaya Vittala PU College, Mysuru: State-level PU College Boys-Girls Athletics Meet (2018-19), District Minister G.T. Devegowda inaugurates, MLA Tanveer Sait presides, Tourism Minister S.R. Mahesh lights Sports Torch, felicitation to International athlete Reena George, Chamundi Vihar Stadium, Nazarbad, **4 pm.**

Sri Keteshwara Yuvakara Balaga, K.R. Mohalla: Keteshwara Jayanti, Corporator M.V. Ramprasad chief guest, Medar Community District President Manjunath, Meda Dwani Editor Anjanamurthy, M.P. Gangadhar and others will participate, Medar Street, K.R. Mohalla, **4.30 pm.**

District Kannada Sahitya Parishat and Kalpavruksha Trust, Mysuru: Seminar on 'Poetess Dr. Latha Rajashekar avara Mahakavya Mahaveera Mahadarshanadalli Vishwa Shanti Pratipadhane' and Poets' Meet, ORI Director Dr. S. Shivarajappa inaugurates, Parishat Mysuru President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna presides, Trust Mysuru President H.B. Rajashekar delivers keynote address, poetess Dr. Latha Rajashekar will be present, Parishat auditorium, Palace premises, **5 pm.**

Kodava Samaja, Mysuru: Huthri - harvest festival, cultural programmes, **5.30 pm;** 'Nere kattuva' ritual, **7.30 pm;** Reaping new paddy crop (Kadiru), **8.30 pm;** Distribution of Thambutt Prasadam, Sree Cauvery College Grounds, Kuvempunagar, **9.30 pm.**

Madhuragana Kalavrunda: Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations, Dr. Rajkumar and C. Ashwanth Musical Evening, film director T.S. Nagabharana special invitee, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Srinivasa Temple, Ramakrishna Nagar I-Block: 4th anniversary, Satyanarayana Puja, Vajra Kavacha Samarkand, felicitation to MLA S.A. Ramadas and senior advocate S. Umesh, **7.30 pm.**

Suttur Mutt, Mysuru: Moonlight Music Programme-206, music concert by Vid. T.M. Krishna, accompanied by Vid. R.K. Sriramkumar on violin and Vid. Tanjore Praveen Kumar on mridanga, Vid. Vajapalli R. Krishna Kumar on ghata, Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6 pm.**

Ranga Bandi, Vijaya Vittala Educational Institutions and Department of Kannada and Culture: Staging of Kannada play 'Aalaapa' (written by Ganesh Amingad, directed by Madhu Malavalli), Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, Hunsur Road, **6.30 pm.**

Kodagu Gowda Samaja: Huthri celebrations, **7 pm;** Nere Kattuvudu, **7.45 pm;** Kadiru, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **8.45 pm.**

Sri Digambar Jain Samaj and Padmashri Jain Mahila Samaj, Sankar Mutt: Karthika Masa - Nandishwara Ashtahnika Parva, discourse on 'Geetaveetaraaga' by Dr. M.S. Padma, Professor, Jainology and Prakrit, University of Mysore, Sri Shantishwaraswamy Basadi (Kote Basadi), New Sayyaji Rao Road, **7.15 pm to 8.15 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (NOV.24)

Gadichowka Government School, Lakshmipuram: 100th year anniversary celebrations, Lakshmipuram, **9 am.**

Government School for the Blind and Deaf, Tilak Nagar: International Day of Disabled Persons, District-level Cultural Contest for specially abled persons, School premises, **9 am.**

Sri Bhagyalakshmi: 'Nammura Tindi Mela 2017-18,' Muddu Magu, **10.30 am to 11.30 am;** Drawing Contest, **12 noon to 2 pm;** Music Concert by playback singer **Vijay Prakash,** Maharaja's College Grounds, near Ramaswamy Circle, **8.30 pm to 9.30 pm.**

Karnataka State Khadi and Village Industries Board: State-level Khadi Utsav-2018, exhibition-cum-sale, J.K. Grounds, **10 am to 6 pm.**

Ramsons Kala Pratishtana: 14th edition of Bombe Mane, Pratima Gallery, located above Aamrapali Sarees' Showroom, Nazarbad Main Road, **10 am to 7.30 pm.**

Builders Association of India, (BAI), Mysuru Centre: Build-Tech-2018, National Technical Seminar, Senate Bhavan, Manasagangothri campus, **10 am to 5 pm.**

Mysuru Sahitya Dasoha Balaga: 3rd anniversary of Balaga and Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations, retired Sanskrit professor of Sarada Vilas College Prof A.V. Suryanarayanaswamy inaugurates, event Convener M. R. Anand presides, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna chief guest, Balaga Members will present stories, poems, essays and other works, Maruleshwara Community Hall, near New Court Complex, Jayanagar, **10.30 am.**

Forest Department: Public meeting to discuss felling of the 245 trees belonging to different species on either side of Mysuru-Bogadi Gaddige Road for widening 8.5km stretch of the road (chainage 5km to 13.50km), Depart. office, Aranya Bhavan, 6th Cross, Ashokapuram, **11 am.**

Kannada Book Authority, Bengaluru: 'Arivina Belaku - Nimma Manege Namma Pustaka' campaign, Chief Jail Superintendent P.V. Anand Reddy chief guest, Littérateur Dr. Kalegowda Nagawara, Psychiatrist and writer Dr. C.R. Chandrashekar and Book Authority Chairman Dr. Vasundhara Bhupathi will participate, Mysuru Central Jail premises, **11 am.**

Forum Centre City Mall: Forum Colorama-2018 drawing competition for children aged between 4 and 16 years with the theme 'Agriculture in India,' Forum Centre City Mall premises, Nazarbad, **3 pm.**

Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Institute for Management Development (SDM-IMD), Chamundi Hill Road: Valedictory of 4th International Economics Conference on 'Economic Growth and Sustainable Development: Emerging Trends,' Dr. M.S. Sriram, Distinguished Fellow at IDRBT-RBI, Former Professor IIM Ahmedabad, delivers valedictory address, College premises, **3.45 pm.**

Purna Chetana Public School: Chetanadhare-2018 annual day celebrations, Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama President Swami Atmajnanandaji graces the occasion, humorist Prof. M. Krishnegowda, chief guest, Mysuru Rural BEO N. Krishnamurthy, guest of honour, Kalamandira, **4.30 pm.**

Kalasuruchi: Vishwanath Mirle Memorial Children's' English Play Festival-2018, Dr. Krishnamurthy Chandar, retd. Professor, University of Mysore (UoM), inaugurates, 5.30 pm; Staging of play 'Astrologers Day' by Acharya Vidyakala School, 6 pm; Play 'Into the Woods' by Orchids School, Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **6.45 pm.**

Osho Glimpse: Live concert of Hindustani musical instrument Dilruba and Esraj by world famous artiste Dr. Aranyakumar, Osho Glimpse, #349, 6th Main, 16th Cross, Gokulam 2nd Stage, **5.30 pm to 6.30 pm.**

Nadavidyalaya Academy of Music and Dance: Bharatanatyam Margam, 'Adi Poojya' - dance drama on Lord Ganapti by disciples of Vidu. Mithra Naveen, accompanied by the Guru on natuvanga, Vid. Naveen M.S. Andagar - vocal, Vid. G.S. Nagaraj on mridanga and Vid. Vivek Krishna on flute; Pratibha Puraskar presentation, Vid. Sridhar Jain of *Apthamithra* fame and Varuna Govt. High School Music Teacher Vidu. Sowmya Sridhar Jain guests of honour, Jaganmohan Palace, **5.30 pm.**

Karavali Yakshagana Kendra, Mysuru and Kannada & Culture Department: Decennial celebration of Karavali Yakshagana Kendra, Badagatittu Yakshagana 'Daksha Yajna' by artistes of Yaksha Sinchana Trust, Bengaluru, (Bhagavataru: Ananta Hegde Dantalike; Maddale: A.P. Patak; Chende: Amrita Deva Kattinakere); Kannada & Culture Asst. Director H. Channappa, Vijaya Vittala Vidyashala HM Asha and Dakshina Kannada District Association Secretary Janardhan chief guests, Karavali Yakshagana Kendra President Vid. K. Krishnakumaracharya presides, Vishwesha Theertha Sabha Mantapa, Vijaya Vittala Vidyashala, Saraswathipuram, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Shantivratanandaji speaks on 'Srimad Bhagavad Gita,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Samathento: Staging of 'Shakespeare Nataka Prakarana' by Kathegararu theatre troupe from Bengaluru, music-based mono act will be presented by Mahindra Excellence in Theatre Award (META) recipient Prasad Cherkady, Manish Mithra has directed the play, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

EDITOR'S CHOICE

Badhaai Ho is a Hindi comedy drama directed by Amit Ravindernath Sharma. The film stars Ayushmann Khurrana, Neena Gupta, Gajraj Rao and Sanya Malhotra in lead roles. The story is about how two elder sons get embarrassed and start to avoid their parents, when they announce their late third pregnancy to the family.

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